

# Spatial Planning & Infrastructure Partnership Full Partnership Meeting

County Hall Oxford 2.00 pm

## Minutes

14<sup>th</sup> March 2011

| <b>Attendees</b>             | <b>Organisation:</b>                                     |
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| Cllr Ian Hudspeth (Chairman) | Oxfordshire County Council                               |
| Huw Jones                    | Oxfordshire County Council                               |
| Martin Tugwell               | Oxfordshire County Council                               |
| John Disley                  | Oxfordshire County Council                               |
| Ian Walker                   | Oxfordshire County Council                               |
| Cllr Barry Wood              | Cherwell District Council                                |
| John Hoad                    | Cherwell District Council                                |
| Cllr Ed Turner               | Oxford City Council                                      |
| Mel Barrett                  | Oxford City Council                                      |
| Mark Jaggard                 | Oxford City Council                                      |
| Cllr Tony de Vere            | Vale of White Horse District Council                     |
| Cllr Anne Ducker             | South Oxfordshire District Council                       |
| Anna Robinson                | South Oxfordshire/ Vale of White Horse District Councils |
| Cllr Barry Norton            | West Oxfordshire District Council                        |
| Andrew Tucker                | West Oxfordshire District Council                        |
| Sally Coble                  | Environment Agency                                       |
| David Warburton              | Homes & Communities Agency                               |
| Jodee Katalanos              | Homes & Communities Agency                               |
| Catherine Mountford          | PCT  |
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| <b>Apologies</b>             |  |
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| <i>Cllr Angela Lawrence</i>  | <i>Vale of White Horse DC</i>                            |
| <i>Warren Ralls</i>          | <i>SEEDA</i>   |
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### 1. Minutes of meeting 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010

The minutes of the meeting were agreed.

### 2. Matters arising and for information :

**Oxfordshire City-Region Enterprise Partnership:** MT reported on the national high level meeting of partnerships at which the Oxon LEP was one of 3 invited to do a presentation. The formal launch of the Oxon LEP forum had taken place and the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the forum will be at the end of March. The focus will be on skills, infrastructure, and inward investment – plus broadband.

There was discussion about the relationship of the LEP to SPIP particularly on infrastructure and it was agreed that Martin Dare – Edwards (chairman of The LEP) should be invited to a future meeting of the SPIP.

**ACTION – Martin Dare-Edwards (Chairman of the LEP) to be invited to a future meeting**

**E-W rail:** MT gave an overview of the project. A response to the bid to the RGF for the development of the project to get ready for delivery is expected in next two weeks. Discussion covered the expectations for developer contributions and potential impact on provision of other infrastructure and affordable housing; and if there were no contributions would that halt the project. It was suggested contributions would raise the bidding status for the project.

**ACTION – a briefing note is to be circulated to the Partnership together with copies of the RGF bids for Oxfordshire. A presentation on rail network improvements will be made to the next meeting.**

### **3. Affordable Homes Programme**

David Warburton did a presentation on the programme (attached with minutes). Discussion covered understanding the borrowing capacity model ; the expectations about conversions to affordable rent and implications for social rent; housing benefits issue and the need for reassurance that people won't be worse off; the potential for money to be spread to cheaper areas by RP's; and the need for further debate to develop understanding

In response DW/JK said that increased borrowing capacity related to re-letting at higher rent; and the ability to borrow more against affordable rent properties; that HCA would not agree to transfer up to 100% and would talk to RP's and LA's on a case by case basis to get a sensible proportion (would be influenced by S106 agreements and viability). There will be a process of national moderation when all package proposals are in and HCA will commission providers where there are gaps. The deadline for bids is 3 May with first contracts by summer so a SPIP meeting in early June would be beneficial. HCA will also meet individual LA's.

**ACTION – HCA to respond in writing to question about benefits and impact on individuals**

### **4. Local Transport Plan 3.**

Oxford City and Cherwell had provided feed back on the draft LTP3 that was to be considered by OCC Cabinet on 15<sup>th</sup> March .JD circulated an extract from the latest capital programme covering LTP3. He explained that funding would come from other sources as well as OCC capital investment and that work was underway to distinguish between OCC and other streams and identify funding gaps and what is deliverable. In discussion it was agreed that information needs to be brought to the SPIP in a timely way.

**ACTION – Reports to SPIP Executive on ongoing work on LTP3. Draft work programme (see agenda item 7) includes reporting back on LTP3 to SPIP by December.**

### **5. LIP monitoring**

Reports on HCA investment and a summary of progress on individual schemes had been circulated with the agenda. In response to a question about the possible implications of Oxfordshire now being in the SW region HCA said this reflected administrative arrangements and that the HCA looks at programmes nationally. There was agreement that

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there is a need to report more on the implications of what the monitoring reports show against the LIP priorities.

**ACTION:** SPIP Executive to develop reporting on LIP and potential implications for priorities

## 6. HS2

CDC position is that business case does not stack up. OCC is still to agree a formal position. In discussion it was agreed that there was a need to focus on the business case linked to what could be provided instead.

**ACTION:** It was agreed that the next meeting of SPIP would receive a report suggesting a position that SPIP might take in response to the consultation (centred on the business case rather than the route). HS2 is to be a regular item on the SPIP agenda

## 7. Work Programme

A draft work programme was circulated with the agenda. Suggestions for additional areas of work were employment land (evidence base), a stock take on housing numbers and where growth is going and how SPIP provides input to work on broadband.

**ACTION:** the Executive Group to develop a detailed programme of work for consideration at the next meeting of the SPIP

## 8. Oxon 2030

The partnership considered a paper requesting that it review medium term priorities. In discussion asset management and land disposal were flagged as issues.

**ACTION:** the Executive group is to develop a list of key priorities which will be circulated by email to the Partnership for comment and sign of by the Chairman by 6<sup>th</sup> May.

## 9. Date of Next meeting: to be fixed for early in June